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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1.A method for measuring quality of machine translation, comprising:

receiving an original source language text;
repeatedly translating and retranslating the
original source language text between the source language
and a target language until a current source language
text is not reasonably equivalent to the original source
language text or until an iteration threshold is reached;
and

identifying the translation as low quality if the current source language text is not reasonably equivalent to the original source language text.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein translation and retranslation are performed by a translation software program.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein translation and retranslation are performed by a hardware translation device.
- 4.A method for measuring quality of machine translation, comprising:
- a) receiving an original source language text SHLx₀;
- b) setting a counter i to zero;
- c) performing machine translation on source language

6	text $\mathtt{SHLx_i}$ to form target language text $\mathtt{THLy_i}$;							
7	d) performing machine translation on target language							
8	text THLy _i to form source language text $SHLx_{i+1}$;							
9	e) increment i by one; and							
10	f) repeat steps (c) through (e) until \mathtt{SHLx}_i is not							
11	reasonably equivalent to $SHLx_0$ or until i reaches an							
12	iteration threshold.							
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-2	g) identifying the target language text as low quality							
3	if a source language text SHLx; is not reasonably							
	equivalent to the original source language text.							
	6. The method of claim 4, wherein \mathtt{SHLx}_i is reasonably							
12	equivalent to $\mathtt{SHLx}_\mathtt{0}$ if $\mathtt{SHLx}_\mathtt{i}$ is similar in size within a							
	given threshold to $SHLx_0$.							
1	7. The method of claim 4, wherein \mathtt{SHLx}_i is reasonably							
2	equivalent to $\mathtt{SHLx}_\mathtt{0}$ if $\mathtt{SHLx}_\mathtt{i}$ contains the same number of							
3	words as $SHLx_0$ within a given threshold.							
1	8.The method of claim 4, wherein \mathtt{SHLx}_i is reasonably							
2	equivalent to \mathtt{SHLx}_0 if \mathtt{SHLx}_i contain the same set of							
3	keywords as $SHLx_0$ within a given threshold.							
1	9. The method of claim 4, wherein $SHLx_i$ is reasonably							
2	equivalent to $\mathtt{SHLx}_\mathtt{0}$ if $\mathtt{SHLx}_\mathtt{i}$ generates the same							
3	Translation Confidence Indices as SHLx ₀ within a given							
4	threshold							

10.An apparatus for measuring quality of machine translation, comprising:

receipt means for receiving an original source
language text;

translation means for repeatedly translating and retranslating the original source language text between the source language and a target language until a current source language text is not reasonably equivalent to the original source language text or until an iteration threshold is reached; and

identification means for identifying the translation as low quality if the current source language text is not reasonably equivalent to the original source language text.

- 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the translation means comprises a translation software program.
- 12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the translation means comprises a hardware translation device.
- 13.An apparatus for measuring quality of machine translation, comprising:
 - a processor; and
- a memory having stored therein a program for execution by the processor to perform the following steps:
 - a) receiving an original source language text $SHLx_0$:
 - b) setting a counter i to zero;

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- c) performing machine translation on source language text SHLx, to form target language text THLy;;
- d) performing machine translation on target language text $THLy_i$ to form source language text $SHLx_{i+1}$;
- e) increment i by one; and
- f) repeat steps (c) through (e) until $SHLx_i$ is not reasonably equivalent to $SHLx_0$ or until i reaches an iteration threshold.
- 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the target language text is identified as low quality if a source language text $SHLx_i$ is not reasonably equivalent to the original source language text.
- 15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein $SHLx_i$ is reasonably equivalent to $SHLx_0$ if $SHLx_1$ is similar in size within a given threshold to $SHLx_0$.
- 16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein $SHLx_i$ is reasonably equivalent to $SHLx_0$ if $SHLx_i$ contains the same number of words as $SHLx_0$ within a given threshold.
- 17. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein $SHLx_i$ is reasonably equivalent to $SHLx_0$ if $SHLx_i$ contain the same set of keywords as $SHLx_0$ within a given threshold.
- 18. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein $SHLx_1$ is reasonably equivalent to $SHLx_0$ if $SHLx_1$ generates the same

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3 Translation Confidence Indices as SHLx₀ within a given 4 threshold.

19.A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for measuring quality of machine translation, comprising:

instructions for receiving an original source
language text;

instructions for repeatedly translating and retranslating the original source language text between the source language and a target language until a current source language text is not reasonably equivalent to the original source language text or until an iteration threshold is reached; and

instructions for identifying the translation as low quality if the current source language text is not reasonably equivalent to the original source language text.

- 20.A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, including a program for execution by a computer to perform the following steps:
- a) receiving an original source language text SHLx0;
- b) setting a counter i to zero;
- c) performing machine translation on source language text $SHLx_i$ to form target language text $THLy_i$;
- d) performing machine translation on target language text $THLy_i$ to form source language text $SHLx_{i+1}$;
- e) increment i by one; and
- f) repeat steps (c) through (e) until SHLx, is not

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iteration threshold.